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1. MANILA WOULD BE PLEASED WITH AN AGENDA INCLUDING THE
ITEMS PROPOSED BY SEOUL AND HONG KONG. FOLLOWING ARE
SOME OF OUR SPECIFIC INTERESTS:

2. VISAS. A) FIFTH PREFERENCE -- SEVERAL CONSOFFS HERE
QUESTION ITS VALUE TO U.S. AND WOULD WELCOME LEGISLATION
ELIMINATING IT OR RESTRICTING IT TO UNMARRIED MINORS
OR AT LEAST TO THOSE WITH LABOR CERTIFICATIONS.
B) AMNESTY FOR ILLEGALS IN U.S. -- DISCUSSION OF ITS
PROSPECTS AND EFFECT ON VISA OPERATIONS SEEMS USEFUL.
CONSOFFS HERE GENERALLY OPPOSE PROPOSAL. C) RECENT
CHANGES INVOLVING SCHEDULE A, REVALIDATION OF LABOR
CERTIFICATIONS, ETC. -- MANILA HAS NOT ISSUED ANYTHING
BUT IRS, SPECIAL IMMIGRANTS AND FIRST THREE PREFERENCE
VISAS IN OVER SEVEN YEARS. WE WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION
OF PROBLEMS OTHER POSTS HAVE ENCOUNTERED, INCLUDING
FRAUDULENT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. D) VISA FRAUD --
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GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ISSUE OF HOW MUCH OF BURDEN OF
PROOF IS ON CONSOFFS TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY HAVE DOUBTS
ABOUT DOCUMENTS, IDENTITY, MARITAL STATUS, ETC.,
ESPECIALLY WHEN NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN TO CONGRESSMEN.
E) DISCUSSION WITH INS REPRESENTATIVES OF CURRENT
SERVICE POLICIES AND ATTITUDES WITH RESPECT TO: GREEN
CARD HOLDERS WHO REALLY RESIDE ABROAD; ADJUSTMENT OF

STATUS FROM B-1 TO E, AUTHORIZED STAY FOR VISITORS,
ET.AL. F) AVLOS SYSTEM -- GENERAL DISCUSSION AND
VARYING WAYS IT IS USED BY DIFFERENT POSTS. EXAMPLE -
WE ENTER PERSONS PETITIONED ON OVERSUBSCRIBED QUOTAS,
BUT HONG KONG APPARENTLY DOES NOT. WE CHECK ALL
NIV APPLICANTS BEFORE INTERVIEW, WHILE MANY OTHER
POSTS CHECK ONLY AFTERWARDS.

3. PPT -- A) ELIMINATION OF FS-545--WE AGREE WITH
HONG KONG, ALTHOUGH THERE IS THE ISSUE OF WHETHER
IT'S FAIR TO ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN TO HAVE THEIR
BIRTH DOCUMENTS SAY SO. B) SECTION 340(D) CASES --
WE WELCOME DISCUSSION. WE ARE FAIRLY ZEALOUS, EVEN
THOUGH WE WONDER WHEN IT WILL BE DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL. C) REGISTRATION -- DISCUSSION OF MOST
FEASIBLE METHOD OF REGISTERING AMCITS, BUT WITH
BUILT-IN PURGING.

4. SCS -- A) DISCUSSION OF CONSULAR WITNESS OF MARRIAGES.
B) CUSTOMS - WE FIND INFO AVAILABLE FROM U.S. CUSTOMS
INSUFFICIENT TO ADVISE AMCITS EFFECTIVELY.

5. GENERAL. WE AGREE WITH MOST OF ITEMS SUGGESTED BY
HONG KONG. A) NEED FOR MORE FEEDBACK -- THIS IS
EVIDENT IN MANY WAYS, ESPECIALLY FROM INS ON CASES
FOUND TO BE MALA FIE. B) DISCUSSION OF BURN-OUT,
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FULL-STAFFING, ROTATION OF JOS -- ALL SEEMS TO KNIT
TOGETHER. C) DISCUSSION OF CONSOFFS' LIABILITY TO
BE SUED. IT APPEARS THAT REPEAL OF 22 USC 1199 DOES
NOT MAKE US IMMUNE TO SUIT.
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